

IC 20-12-19.3

Chapter 19.3. Tuition Exemption for Senior Citizens

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Commission

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the state student assistance commission (as defined in IC 20-12-21-4).

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3.

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Institution

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "institution" means a state college or university that is supported in whole or in part by appropriations made by the general assembly, including any branch campus operated by a state college or university.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.166-1991, SEC.1.

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Senior citizen

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "senior citizen" means an Indiana resident who:

- (1) is at least sixty (60) years of age;
- (2) has graduated from high school or has received a:
 - (A) general equivalency degree; or
 - (B) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1;
- (3) is retired; and
- (4) is not employed on a full-time basis.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.149-1995, SEC.12.

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Duties of institution; tuition waiver

Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), an institution shall:

- (1) admit a senior citizen to any scheduled course where there is space available; and
- (2) grant a waiver of the tuition assessed for the course as provided in subsection (b).

(b) The amount of the tuition waived under subsection (a) shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the in-state tuition assessed for the course by the institution.

(c) An institution is not required to do the following:

- (1) Allow a senior citizen to enroll in a degree granting program, unless the senior citizen meets the admission standards of the institution.
- (2) Permit the full-time equivalent enrollment of senior citizens for whom tuition has been waived to exceed two percent (2%) of the institution's undergraduate full-time equivalent

enrollment.

(3) Waive a senior citizen's tuition for more than the equivalent of nine (9) semester hours per semester.

(4) Waive fees for self-supporting programs, applications, registration, or laboratory work.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3.

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Senior citizens tuition fund

Sec. 5. (a) The senior citizens tuition fund is established to provide full or partial reimbursements to institutions for the amount of tuition waived under section 4 of this chapter.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3.

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Reimbursement to institution

Sec. 6. (a) An institution may receive a reimbursement from the fund for an amount equal to:

(1) the amount of total tuition waived under section 4 of this chapter; or

(2) if the amount in the fund is insufficient to cover the tuition waivers for all of the institutions, a pro rata reduction of the amount of total tuition waivers based upon the number of senior citizens for which the institution provides tuition waivers compared to the total number of senior citizens who participate under this chapter statewide.

(b) To receive a reimbursement under subsection (a), the institution must apply to the commission, on forms provided by the commission, for the reimbursement.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3.

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Comprehensive report

Sec. 7. (a) In addition, not later than thirty (30) days after the end of each semester (or its equivalent if the institution does not conduct its academic year on a semester basis), each institution shall provide the commission and the commission for higher education with a comprehensive report detailing the extent to which the institution participated in the senior citizen tuition exemption under this chapter.

(b) The report must include the following information:

(1) The number of senior citizens who qualified for a tuition exemption.

(2) The courses in which the senior citizens enrolled.

(3) The number of semester hours (or its equivalent) taken by senior citizens under this chapter.

(4) Any other pertinent information required by the commission.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.166-1991, SEC.2.

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Offering other educational opportunities not prohibited

Sec. 8. This chapter does not prohibit an institution from offering other educational opportunities that are not covered by this chapter to senior citizens at no charge or at a reduced charge.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3.

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Rules adopted to implement chapter

Sec. 9. The commissioner may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

As added by P.L.127-1990, SEC.3.